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small user fee for health care services to reduce frivolous visits.

Crown corporations need to stop advertising and supporting private ventures.

Excessive hiring of employees where technology can better service procedures, needs, and be more effective.

You need to stop putting people in Jail and feeding them steak, find a way to make that system contribute not take our tax money. Why can they not work in some manner to give back in some way and in that basis they can learn a trade, there has to be a way, And why do people on unemployment or welfare have the right to not take any job that is reasonable so they bleed the funds. Encourage work. Welfare receivers can still work in some capacity, there is a huge waste in that area of paying for what??? A seasonal person should not collect unemployment, they should use their life to work, they know they are seasonal, and should line up a job for the other part of their season, even if it is at McDonalds, that is an honest job too. And let me tell you many do under the table work when also collecting this welfare or unemployment, but yet why are they getting away with it. That hole in our costs has to stop. Growth will come if people become more productive and effective and efficient.

Institute a provincial high-speed (200kph+) commuter rail program that reaches out to rural areas in both the west and the north that offers both passenger and freight services to and from Winnipeg. This will help people and small businesses in rural areas of the province access the Winnipeg market with much greater ease and much lower cost, especially for those who live outside of a half-hour drive from Winnipeg. The railways can afford to put in extra rails in areas where more rail service is needed, such as the old rail line along Highway 6 to Thompson, and along Highway 3 through Pilot Mound.

Have Manitoba Hydro cover the transmission line costs with increasing the export income that they are building the line for

Less spending for hydro and oil production - too costly. More innovation for solar and wind power closer to Winnipeg. It's windy on the prairies and Manitoba has among the highest number of sunny days.

Should model grant opportunities for all sectors of the economy from the MPAP in industry, trade and mines.

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examine policy papers of the previous government and look at the various scenarios presented where private enterprise was not considered where it could be a benefit. (not meaning Hydro) There are time where policy is enacted on the errant belief the government is best suited to handle it when a non-profit or private sector outfit is actually better equipped. With the philosophical change this could be improved. Case in Point - the Pan-Am clinic - when it was started as a private endeavor it was quick, efficient and effective for me to have a surgery scheduled and performed. NOW it has achieved hospital level bureaucracy, including summary rather than detailed exploration and diagnosis. Sometimes the private sector has a better way of achieving the result that is more cost effective. I didn't pay at the Pan Am clinic 20 years ago either - but it was better done. the cost saving of fewer nurses back then and secure but not hospital level security of records etc - are not what is there now. Harder to implement in other areas but there are savings that would allow the same personnel currently employed by government to reduce backlogs and be more easily managed. Increase responsiveness to frontline service model improvements and use of modern technology in records and day to day work and workload management. There are too many managers and team leads because of the antiquated methodology. Tracking workloads with paper counts is archaic and still done in some departments where workload virtualization would reduce a lot of challenge in processing environments. It has been improved in areas like student loan but it still has a long way to go.

We need to spend everything now to prepare Manitobans for survival, or Manitobans \*wont\* survive, never mind have a budget to worry about.

Instead of simply budgeting program or project costs, equate that to the points of tax revenue needed to fund the program. If the health program requires 10 % sales taxes, then we can evaluate if that price is too high and look for alternative service delivery approaches. 6% health budget increases are not sustainable. Don't get hung up on policy points (like only the public sector can provide health services), rather look to value for money, our tax money.

Use money generated by the casino to fix streets, roads, etc. rather than continually fixing the casinos. What is happening with that money - nothing good that affects most Manitobans.

aquaculture - particularly for FN communities review contract with civil service (MGEA) identify areas that can be privatized (other than Manitoba Hydro) or where agreements can be made with other levels of government (e.g. training and development); review every operation/activity in government by to see value added (value for money audit);

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A good hard look at our Parks system be reviewed and in many instances these Parks are not generating enough revenue to sustain themselves. We have to increase camping fees that match our other provincial counterparts in order to achieve a sustainable level of service to the public and at the same time enhancing our Provincial Parks system.

why is it front line workers never get jets to use or fancy meals when they have work to do. The business does not pay for it so why does gov't get funding for all the extras they get to have cut back on the expenses the high top salaries on your end and even the playing field, Quite sure that if you had to pay for as much as we did for work and education to keep your jobs that there would be alot of squawking done.

Small business development and grants. Assistance for those business looking to expand

The construction industry told me because of all the labour and construction safety regulations implemented by the previous gov't increased constructions costs,by approx. 40%. Some of theses rules are absolutely nuts. It's very difficult to compete with our neighbouring provinces with these rules.

Thoroughly check into the low income housing situations. I have heard too many people are getting away with cheating governments. In other words making too much money and getting cheap rent.

I believe we need to work towards having a living wage, not a minimum wage. People cannot live on minimum wage, and its unfair to think that people should while our government officials sit comfy. I believe we should be working on more green energy projects to help us grow while helping the environment. I think we should embrace the carbon tax the federal government is imposing on us and use it to encourage businesses instead of punish them. I think we need to look at getting clean water and better housing for communities and reserves up north. We need to look after our own people, and offer them supports like better access to mental health professionals. We need to give them access to healthy food at a much more reasonable cost. We need to get the port of Churchill open again and help get those jobs back up there.

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Provincial spending needs to be prioritized and directed to non-profit agencies across Manitoba who provide support to adults with intellectual disabilities. These agencies fall under Community Living disAbility Services within the Department of Families. A low cost opportunity for innovation that encourages economic growth: Issue: Front line workers who support adults with intellectual disabilities receive low wages and lack mandated training. Government funded agencies experience turn-over rates; between 33-50% annually in their direct support positions. Incredible human resources are required to respond to turn over rates and provide needed training to new employees. Costs of employee replacement are high and being on the receiving end of hundreds of support staff has devastating consequences. Better front line services mean investing in training accompanied by a wage that reflects the skill set required to effectively fill the direct support role. Trained and fairly paid direct support workers would stabilize the workforce and contribute to the economy. There would be many benefits to this:

- This would allow a focus on significant engagement of people with disabilities in the work force. People with disabilities are significantly under-represented in the work force. Involvement in the workforce would contribute positively to Manitoba's economy and better represent the diversity within our province.
  - The extensive human resources required by agencies would decrease, allowing them to focus on their true work.
  - A fairly paid workforce will contribute more to the Manitoba economy.
  - Improved efficiency. It is inefficient to continue to respond to such high turn-over rates without a plan to resolve the situation. This is a pervasive issue that has been experienced for decades without any concrete plans to address it.
  - Adults with disabilities would have a much greater opportunity to fully participate in the fabric of a diverse and inclusive Manitoba.
  - Innovative, proactive systems and services are needed to respond to the current and future needs and desires of people who utilize services through CLdS. A trained and stable workforce is key to achieving this.
  - Positive impacts to the economy would result all across Manitoba, including the North through investment in training and wages of direct support workers.
- A better province means prioritizing provincial spending in this area. These services are critical to more than 6000 Manitobans and their families. It's an investment that will bring greater efficiencies and it's an investment in Manitobans in many ways.

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MPI can save a lot of money by accepting payments for registration renewals directly from the insured parties. Right now the insured needs to go to an insurance agent to pay for their renewal. I am sure that the agent is not doing this for nothing and will receive a commission or fixed payment for this. Further, MPI should accept these payments online on their website. MPI should also join the bill payment system like is used by most utilities, credit cards, and even property taxes where the payee can pay directly from their bank account. The direct payment system would eliminate the current commission paid for accepting credit card payments which I am guessing is 1% to 3% of the gross payment. The government could save millions in insurance broker commissions and credit card commissions. This is simply a matter of modernizing a payment system which has fallen behind the times.

Most of us do not have the information/data at hand to make informed decisions on such matters. At the very least, government should lead by example. Giving departing employees ridiculous severance packages and pensions does not equate well to what occurs in social services (health and education). When I retired from, I GOT MY PENSION AND NOTHING ELSE. The public purse is not a bottomless pit for already financially secure people.

Stop providing funding for professional sports venues such as the Jets and the Bombers. This should be done by the private sector. End tax breaks for businesses including small businesses

Leverage of funding from federal government through Western Economic Diversification Canada. Several years ago there was an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) in place between the province and federal government. This provided annual funding from WD that was matched by the province. This enabled priority areas to be agreed upon by the province and federal governments as well as known federal annual funding flowing to the province. In today's environment, there are 2 agendas which in many cases do not match. Reporting to government is now twice the load if an organization is successful in obtaining funding from both entities. It is suggested that programming such as the EPA be re-established. In many cases, use of federal funding could reduce the level of provincial funding required to support specific initiatives that are a priority for the province.

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It is our recommendation that Provincial spending be directed to non-profit agencies across Manitoba who provide support to adults with intellectual disabilities. Such organizations (for example - Innovative LIFE Options Inc.) fall under Community Living disAbility Services within the Department of Families. A low cost opportunity for innovation that encourages economic growth that we would like the province and the department to focus on is person centred funding, or self managed living options, or individualized funding - All of these options provide an innovative cost effective approach for people with intellectual challenges to be stronger more productive citizens. Government already has a positive relationship with LIFE and recognizes its ability to be innovative and facilitate the ICOF model. Providing this proactive innovative approach rather than a reactive, crisis driven approach has proven to create stronger healthier communities that are fiscally responsible.

Eliminate the higher up positions, like executive director, assistant to the executive director, too many managers, no work being done

One of Manitoba's best opportunities, I believe lies in increasing development of infrastructure to maximise the benefits of centre port, that means ensuring highways are modernized and the volume of freight utilizing center port will continue to expand along with Manitoba's business access to north American markets.

Go back to having a pool of vehicles for employees to sign out when needed instead of the hundreds of vehicles assigned to employees, mostly being used for personal use. Also government vehicles should be easily identified with decals on them. This could stop them being used for pulling boats, and campers, and employees children driving them to school.  
Also use resources that tax payers already paid for. One example is government low beds parked while private contractors do their job.  
Start holding people accountable for the spending they do. Too many departments have a blank cheque attitude, social operations debt being one of the worst.

late retirement plan choice leading to a higher wage pay and preventing the new generation from getting a job to start with lower wage

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Some highways are built with the paved shoulder being too wide. For example on highway 3 from the city of Winnipeg boundary to the perimeter highway the paved shoulder is the same width as a lane in which a vehicle normally travels. This makes some motorists act as though it is a lane and use it to pass other vehicles. I have even seen vehicles travelling on their left side of the road on the shoulder. By making the paved shoulder narrower, fewer motorists would mistake it for a travelable part of the road which would increase safety and at the same time save millions of dollars in road construction.

Demand that Manitoba Hydro utilize in the ground and under water electrical power lines. There are many benefits from doing that as done in Europe. Lets use new ways of thinking.

Provide incentives for staff to move north to help diversify northern economies. More medical services in the North to reduce huge travel costs to Wpg and return.

Provide start-up incentive grants or tax deductions for new businesses.

Review Manitoba Hydro's capital plans for the future.

I am not well educated on this topic, but I have understood that government officials are paid very well. Far more than is necessary or deserved. If a pay cut was done on government officials, and it was advertised, I think it would truly assist in the publics perspective on the government and their wage, but it would assist in overall costs and assist in other areas.

Lower the prov sales tax. Make a whole new recycling program for bottles , ect like those in Sask, Alberta. People will then pick up the stuff, make some money and pay taxes on that money. 50 cents per container. Cleans up the environment and pays back cause money earned is taxable.

Reviews of the thousands of agencies, organizations, not for profits, that have been created for the sole purpose of seeking funding from gov't with no tangible results. Millions of dollars have been "gifted" to these agencies over the years where overlapping mandates have produced no benefit to Manitobans.

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Grassroots, community-directed agencies and organizations have long been overlooked by more traditional "ivory-tower" conglomerates in the realm of service delivery. Privatization and contracted work is habitually more expensive than tapping into the expertise and resources available at the grassroots level. We call upon the government to make more concerted effort to utilize grassroots, community groups to fulfill broad-scale service needs. This includes services for people with disabilities, seniors, children and Manitoba's Indigenous population. case in point is the rising costs of Home Care. Manitoba Home Care, although touted as one of the best in the country will fast emerge as an unsustainable model unless community agencies assume more control and delivery of valuable daily supports for society's vulnerable persons.

No Carbon tax

...I think our CCPC corporate rate needs to increase. I also think we need to be innovative on our MB corporate tax schedule. Provide incentives / rebates. These do not cost the Province a penny. As of today, you were not collecting this money. Tax incentives for new businesses that employ a given number of employees (not for owner-employee only companies who do not boost the economy), corporations who are new to a region identifies as in need of economic stimulation, green-alternative incentives especially those that give green-incentive price points to the consumer. If the corporate rate is altered, these incentives can be given to existing companies as well, at no cost.

As above, curb rising health care costs by ensuring lower cost providers are not limited by legislation or outdated policy from contributing more within the health care system.

Make it easier for employees to vote out a union.

All areas. As I said before, end gov't and you end spending. The private for-profit and non-profit solve economic problems more sustainably than gov't does.

I think having more services available sooner in an individual's life will reduce the costs for services later on, so I think more funding should be directed earlier, then later.



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Government might consider setting up a grant unit (based on the priorities of government). Creating opportunities for business, industry, donors to contribute/match funding based on their priorities may work to increase funding revenue while at the same time creating partnerships and collaboration with business, industry and others that have shared goals and priorities. If substantial amounts of funding is "raised" in this manner, perhaps the funds that government had intended on providing may be cut and directed to areas where funding is more critical. Managing expenditure growth is very important, but so too is increasing revenue where opportunities exist. Green Manitoba, which I lead, utilizes this model and it can be effective and constructive. We only do what generates revenue and what is "wanted".

promote partnerships and collaboration through sector councils

Need to stop bailing out failing industry.

Need innovative health care ideas because health care expenses are getting out of control.

let the people decide what they want to start for businesses not the government, no taxes for startup businesses till they make a profit

Shared contracts. When government hires contracts, the share them for 4 years or a term. Those contracts have to be shared with multiple company or govt. should be responsible to get and help new or young businesses in to the competition mix

Perhaps tax incentives (short term) for new business moving into the Province

The expenditure growth in health care services must be the top priority for finding opportunities to reduce expenditure growth. Policies that encourage inefficient practices by doctors, nurses and citizens must be confronted and replaced with practical frugal alternatives. For example, is it possible for doctors to communicate test results to patients via email or telephone rather than scheduling in-person visits? Could Manitoba pioneer internet diagnostics to reduce the number of patient visits to hospitals and clinics? Could Manitoba partner with other provinces and the federal government to revise patent laws on pharmaceuticals in order to reduce drug costs? In agriculture the lack of abattoirs in many regions discourages economic growth.

Without achieving what I mentioned previously good luck in this area

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...Historically MLCC was operated with little direct government intervention and was the most cost-effective jurisdiction in Canada. When the Selinger government began directly interfering with the operations of the Agency through, ministers, senior bureaucrats and the Chair, Carmen Neufeld problems and expenses escalated. The level of bureaucracy that Lotteries operates under is criminal...I was appalled at the waste and mismanagement that was/is in place. A complete structural review is warranted. While too late to "undo" the merger, I believe Lotteries & Liquor must operate as separate streams as these business are not related in any way.

The health care system is where the government needs to focus in order to manage expenditure growth as it is the area of greatest expenditure. Physicians are now millionaires in this province after many generous years of increases to their fee-for-service (FFS), contract, and salaried earnings. Also other provinces have been strategically rolling back some FFS tariffs as improvements in technology and efficiency have drastically reduced the amount of time a physician is required to spend with a patient. For example, cataract surgery at one time took between 4-6 hours, and required an overnight stay in the hospital. Now an ophthalmologist can perform cataract surgery in under an hour and patients leave the same day. Ophthalmologists can now see 4 times the number of patients in a day (which is a good thing) but their rates have never been downwardly adjusted to reflect the efficiency of the procedure. As a result, ophthalmologists can now earn 4 times the amount of income then they would have in the past, which is unfair to the health system. Why should the doctors be the only beneficiary of greater efficiency in the health care system? Ophthalmologists and physicians in general should not be the sole beneficiary of system efficiencies, especially when the health care system has paid for the technology and operating room resources. There are countless examples of areas like this that should be reviewed and adjusted (radiology, cardiology, etc). Physician income needs to be reduced as it forms a significant portion of the health care budget. Also, I doubt that income reductions for physicians would have an effect on service delivery

I want to see new, innovative housing solutions that go beyond the squalor of the purely public housing options that are hotbeds of misery, crime and destitution; or the feudalism of purely private profit-driven option that does not take into account the interests of the common people, or that of the province's future economic state.

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Hold all current non productivity increasing 'expenditures' to the rate of inflation. There are many management changes that can be made without increasing costs eg. operation of railroads and trucking operations. These operations operate in a vacuum that cares not what costs they create in the rest of society and other businesses.

Looking at the up an middle management in the WRHA... there are many faculties that have to many managers. With this you can look at increasing front line staffs

Exception for Land Transfer tax for First Time Home buyers in Manitoba.

If the federal government can not put together a pharmaceutical purchasing plan, we should. It still comes down to the average joe having more money in their pocket equates more economic growth. There should be less taxes on the poor and vulnerable and more on those that have. We are the centre of Canada, North America. We should have an even greater presence in the transportation of goods and services industries. Economy of scale would then allow us to position ourselves as better cost effective with an opening of a huge job market. Even driverless vehicles will still require a level of human interaction to remain efficient for the up coming market. We need to position our airport as the go to shipping destination. We need to position Churchill as a " to water" destination for oil and gas. With all the innovation today, surly there is a way of transporting from Churchill a lot more, especially with the global warming happening, it opens up the waters for a longer period of time.

Allow the privatization of health care. It is happening today. People spend their money elsewhere to get speedy results and move up the cue. To bury our heads in the sand and say it isn't so is such BS. Allow private enterprise to produce 3D printed hips, knees, hearth valves etc, before our neighbours do so. Lets get with the times. It's no different than the education system where those who can afford to send their child to a private school still pay their taxes for the public system children to get educated. There should be no difference in education.

Hold competitions for new, imerging and small private companies and give winners grants to expand. I believe GE has done this in the US.

See number 1- reinstate school inspectors rather than have boards to ensure schools are following government guidelines- this will reduce the bureaucracy at board offices.

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Continue with or raise the The Manitoba Film & Video Production Tax Credit to make Manitoba an incredibly beneficial location for movie productions. Introducing a carbon levy to bring in some more funds for provincial carbon-reduction strategies and investments. a tax policy option called a “patent box” or “innovation box.” An innovation box draws a line around business income earned from developing and applying pure and applied research and other intellectual property [IP], and taxes that income at a lower rate than the general corporate tax. It would reward firms for developing, owning and exploiting IP in their domestic activities.

Manufacturing tax breaks and incentives

Be visionary and promote and encourage sustainable projects like electric cars and solar power. This is the way of the future and I encourage this government to be a leader in this.

There should be a bigger rehabilitation centre for drug & alcohol addiction  
2) Using prohibited drugs must be excluded in the Rights of Privacy. Using illegal drugs must be strictly prohibits even in private dwellings, for all ages & condition in life.

This will produce more able & productive citizens.

Are you seriously asking how the province can grow and develop without spending money? The unfortunate reality is that some spending is necessary in order to remain competitive. Otherwise, this looks like you are asking the public to donate and volunteer its time to sustain the province. Seriously?

Opening more Early Childhood Centres will go along way to support families to go to work and rely less on government

Health care. And nursing agencies. Privatize them more so the govt isn't spending so much money Scheduling them. And also start making all nursing aagencies pay their taxes to collect more of your share

Green energy, environmental protection will pay off in the future

I would give all new businesses a tax break for a limited time. Maybe also provide them with an advisor to help with the red tape of opening a business.

I think Manitoba should drop the sales tax on Electric Vehicles. This would encourage sales, cut down on pollution, and increase Hydro revenue. The government would not have to put out any cash and would look like they are doing something green.

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Economic growth is not the only goal our province should have. Promoting sustainable industries, ensuring our natural environment is protected, and supporting our youth should be priorities. Investment in child welfare and education should be key low-cost opportunities that the government pursues. Although this might look like a cost increase at first, the lower rates of youth involved in later in life in the criminal justice system will reduce costs down the road. In addition, child welfare support should aim to support families, aiming for prevention rather than reaction.

We have the resources, with the latest hydro dams being built, I can't believe we can't sell more hydro. Wind and water.

Support green initiatives to power all Manitoba schools using solar power by 2020. You have to spend money to save money.

A less stringent tendering process would lead to better pricing. Eliminate fear out of the process and bids will reflect. Supplying high resolution LIDAR to municipality's can lead to better and much quicker decision making when it comes to development and infrastructure planning and approvals. This alone would minimize the number of DFA claims by municipalities over time

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Rural communities (Beausejour & others) need more funding. So many rural communities have succumbed to lack of funding. Communities are run down & when things are not kept up, the wrong people take notice. Crime has increased at an alarming rate. The roads are in terrible shape, they are removing sidewalks in "age friendly communities" so they do not have to spend \$ cleaning the sidewalk in the winter, but it is actually making the community less accessible. We need safe roadways for children getting on the bus & walking to school. It has gotten completely out of control. I am terrified every day when my child has to cross the road to get off the bus. Drivers are dangerous! You can't get any more visible than a big yellow bus with reflectors & flashing lights all over, a strobe light on top, a stop sign with a flashing light, an arm bar & not to mention the line up of CHILDREN & people blow through Hwy 215/park ave on a weekly basis at speeds well over the posted 50km. We need more RCMP in the town as the drivers know they won't get caught. We need cameras on the school buses. There needs to be a serious crack down or a town police system here. It is not a matter anymore IF a child will get hit, it is WHEN. It is not just happening at this one location, but several. Driving through a bus stopped with flashing lights while children are boarding is no different than driving impaired. They are putting lives at risk with their negligent, dangerous behaviour. A huge crackdown on drivers needs to seriously be done. No more studies. Use that money to pay officers to crack down. Same penalties as an impaired driver. You will see a big improvement on the roads.

Providing safer communities will encourage growth, no question. Take care of the crime (vandalism, riff raff) & dangerous concerns, then communities will flourish.

Manitoba is being taken over by condos and low cost housing are all being demolished because of bed bugs and age only to build condos what about rebuilding new housing for the low income and also the elderly as like yourself we are all going to get older not younger PLEASE MORE FUNDS FOR HOUSING

I feel all people should be working, for example all persons who receive income assistance should have to put in some hours toward this, whether by keeping our communities and highways clean, helping out elderly or disabled persons with activities they're not able to do and be training while they're receiving this income even if its online education.

Reduce taxes to attract more residents. PC governments want to help business but if the residents are overtaxed and leave, the businesses follow. Reduce sales tax and municipal property tax.

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Grants for small business development; including writing and research, publication, and goods and services as might be helpful for people trying to transition off of social programs (and there dependency making traps). Some of the grants available are specific in terms of background of experience for applicants, they do not allow for transferable and or blended experiences. This is problematic as the experience that may significantly contribute to say, the publication of a book, might not fit the specific criterion i.e. an applicant should have four publications, but could also include or substitute years of writing experience such as a staff writer, blogger, websites, graduate student, etc.

Small business grants and loans to encourage trades people to start there own businesses without the very high cost to do so.

Train as many young people as possible. Get young folks into the colleges and start working.

Workfare vs welfare?

Start renovating existing buildings instead of building brand new ones that cost far more in permits, materials and labour. In Winnipeg we have a whole army barracks that sits abandoned and homes that are not being inhabited.. these buildings can be used as low income housing. the buildings can be used to help educate and rehabilitate the homeless population. by offering housing in turn for learning basic skills to be able to acquire jobs. the more we help people get jobs and not live off of the system the more money our economy makes.

Our social services are being depleted of funding as the years pass. which then is reflected in our crime levels, poverty. and adversely our financial funding such as welfare goes up. Tax payers money is being abused by these systems and there is no accountability for those abusing it. There should be strict regulations on where such funding is going. child tax funding. Welfare funding.

Do better spending controls in cities, towns and municipalities. We are 80 % Senior and yet Seniors can not afford to retire!! Therefore the workplace is loaded with Seniors. You have to spend on better roads etc. creating jobs therefore creating more opportunity for the younger generation!!!

Fix the social services system

Do return on investment (ROI) studies. While a dollar of taxation removes around \$4 from the economy, sending extra money to low income mothers reduces future tax burdens by \$7 for every dollar spent, a net economic gain. Mental health has even higher ROI, up to \$80 per \$1 spent in some circumstances.

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stop mayor bowman with his growth fee. we are taxed every which way you look, who wants to come here when everything goes up like hydro and mpi, really to many crown companies. These companies don't help growth, who can afford it. MPI can own properties, how is that? And than come back and charge the tax payers? I didn't vote for that garbage, quit gouging the tax payers we have had enough, we pay enough. There for no growth, millinals have no hope?

Solar and wind farm creation

Methane capture at our largest land fills Get out of the car insurance and alcohol sales Start supporting our fellow neighbors and not just those who work for the province.

Anywhere the province "sells goods" should be sold off.

Let others start new businesses at lower costs then the legacy of provincially run buisness.

Assist in the development of infrastructure and services to rural areas such as natural gas, cell service and high speed internet to encourage business to locate in rural areas.

No more subsidizing housing developments. Winnipeg's new growth fee is a fantastic idea, Qualico makes more than ample profits already for it's shareholders, some of whom are in this government

community gardens among small towns to face the dysfunctional food system where we pay high prices for low quality food while working and living in agriculture. based communities.

I cannot comment but I love the committment to this principal.

stop paying bonuses to the leadership at MB hydro, in fact if they can't manage replace them with someone who can for lower wages

Cost-neutral and low-cost opportunities that we are missing include tax breaks for development of energy efficient building design, low-temperature testing for automobile and aircraft manufacturers, elimination of tuition for citizens of Manitoba (this could be phased in over several years by granting free tuition in the last year of study, then eventually extending it to earlier years), tax incentives for the development and implementation of renewable energy services.

Open up road maintenance to more smaller companies cause the big ones are taking this province for a great ride. Same for snow removal. Open it up. Right now the big companies who are friends with friends in government have encouraged rules that keep out the small players.



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Stop playing pansy to corporations, grow as spine, and tax them on a fair share value, instead of sucking up.

You sell liquor which is far more detrimental than marijuana. Sell marijuana. Slash regulations on hemp and boost the original carbon fibre.

Unfortunately our Hydro line has cost Manitobans a great expense but it needs to be completed. The government should never sell Manitoba Hydro but should find ways to complete the project that was started.

Both the federal conservatives and the Sask Party proved that by lowering taxes actually increased revenues as it attracts investment, it draws in business and people to the province - it increases the tax base. The job killing carbon tax should be avoided at all cost.

Renewable energy development!

Wind farms have a huge opportunity for economic growth in our province. Look to European countries for examples here.

offer grants for innovation in clean energy, as a country we need to move away from being so oil independent as in the long term, we will need to be. Offer grants/tax incentives for tech sector companies that can supply services worldwide for limited cost. Have MTS upgrade the speeds for high speed/cable internet into more rural areas so people can work from places besides major centers without an issue.

green energy will be the future eventually. start financing green tech companies. also small independent farms are popular in other countries and provinces. People want access to sustainable organic local products here as well.

Keep our remaining crown corporations publically owned.

Lower taxes

Manitoba is stifling innovation and prosperity by overtaxing the middle class.

We should become a leader in developing and implementing cleaner renewable resources such as hydro electric and solar power that can be sold to others. Environmental care is the future.

Sustainable energy technology R & D.

A balanced budget should be made law. The government can't do anything as efficiently as private industry.

A focus on sustainable resource development An approach that allows for development of all our natural sources wayet land oil and mineral buy also allows for it to be done in a way that protects the same environment for the future.

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Health care and infrastructure - I don't have much details to elaborate on but those two things could use some attention and/or more funding. We also should encourage and reward any innovations/ideas that are sourced from the public that contribute to our growth and success. It needs to be ok to stand up and say "I have a better idea".

Reviving Manitoba railways to be used as passenger trains would solve many of the province's transportation issues, especially in rural and northern communities. This is not low cost, however the growth that it could stimulate would be tremendous. Rural citizens would have more opportunities to become educated and pursue higher paying jobs without having to leave their communities. The railways themselves would be designed to be financially self sufficient, and hopefully profitable. Trains are the future of transportation in Canada!

Water management as it relates to irrigation and drain tiling. Work with the municipalities on this.

Need a railway going to Churchill that will be able to transport our grain. Lower taxes, get rid of pst. Infrastructure needs to be top priority.

Tax cuts to students pursuing post secondary. Free education is damaging to an economy but incentivizing initiative will help people to become more educated. Paying premiums to highly trained doctors and nurses to live in rural areas of southern Manitoba could help increase population in these areas.

Less money for our bloated police force. Stop The fire department from Responding to medical calls.

In general society and media expect perfection which is just too expensive. Look into more initiatives such as Manitoba infrastructure's proposed northern all season road design guidelines, where a lesser standard can be applied to ensure things get built. I also think we need to look at moving people out of isolated communities where quality of life is poor and just too expensive for taxpayers. Living in isolated communities with not economy makes no sense.

Help small business lower cost of employees.

These questions only conjure up more questions to me. Why are you asking citizens what they are willing to give up? These conversations far too often, how can we get more out of less. Ask s teacher who just spent 40 hrs writing report cards while writing grants for environmental/cultural education, plus creating math games and planning for the rest of the month. I don't have anymore hours to give.

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I'd need to see the books. What costs are spiralling. Get rid of all the arms length agencies like you've done with the east side road

Do not build anything (sub-divisions or commercially) unless the total lifetime costs make sense. We cannot build bridges or roads if there is no way of paying to maintain them - for example.

We are already becoming very tech savvy and coding is a growth career but I am shocked at how very little opportunities the province has for education in this field. Especially in regards to continuing education where all of the options are pretty much quit your job and go back to school full time. Why not keep your job and we'll offer this course part time in the evenings. Also look towards what sort of trades and manufacturing we could establish in the renewable resources economy such as solar, wind etc... again I don't know a ton of people, myself included that necessarily want to quit our day jobs, but would like access to better post grad and continuing ed programs that are offered on a part time basis.

Promote federally inspected kill plants for cattle (and sheep) which the farmers have been paying for through deductions for years for.

Corporate Sponsorship can go along way, for instance creative solutions - here is a thought.

Chief Peguis Trail - Corporate Garden Signs the same as you see on the ride from Toronto Airport to the City. Each plot 10k or whatever the market will bare - 20 on each side - you do the math.

Street Repair - ReName or Rededicate the Name to the Corporation - Lease the Name - eg... MNP Avenue from Colony Street... etc..

Get Creative, this forum is a good step forward.

Another thought is now that we have a Liberal Government that want to open the purse to grow the economy i am not happy that we seem to be cutting back on programs, services trying to gain brownie points showing ones sharp pencil fiscally when we should be growing our economy in harmony with Ottawa, not opposing the opportunity to grow.

Allow private medical clinics. If I can afford to pay cash fpr a procedure today, let me, instead of making me wait. But, if people can pay cash for surgical procedures while skipping the queue, don't all them to bill Manitoba Health. Do not subsidize the purchase of hybrid/electric cars. If someone can afford \$100,000 for a Tesla, they don't need to be subsidized. Why make the poor have to subsidize the wealthy?

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Invest in advancement for education for k to 12 and invest in R&D for post secondary. Invest in tourism and creative economies.

Evaluate government process where the public engages with the government and create more self-serve processes where possible. For instance, the companies office has an initial self serve ability to submit a name registration application and process the initial payment. How much more of this process could be self-serve beyond this really basic first step? What other similar processes could be more self-serve for the public or inter-departmental processes?

Bring about private care Insurance - competition would be good. MPI is like organized crime!

Well, introducing a carbon tax is a good first step. Half of the money could come back to low income Manitobans and small businesses. The other half could be used to spur innovation into green industry. Manitoba's future could revolve around the green economy.

Come on this is such a silly question. You know that the biggest problem is MB Hydro and at minimum 40% increase in hydro rates coming. Figure this out. Yes its a huge problem but that's why we elected you

Winnipeg needs a massive indoor entertainment complex similar to West Edmonton Mall. Offer a huge tax break along with a carrot for a developer willing to invest.

Clean energy, free college, higher minimum wage, reduction in land transfer tax for first time home buyers or newcomers to province.

Balanced economic growth

Since the population of the city is growing, it makes sense that spending is increasing over time. I ask you to focus on redirecting funds to opportunities to improve the quality of life of the poorest citizens.

Rein in Hydro and other crown salaries and force efficiency. I have worked in the Private sector ...after leaving Health IT and am amazed at the salary creep. As a country we have gone through many business cycles yet govt worker benefits and salaries continue to grow unabated. I support strong management that directs pay for value-add and we all know there is a lot of "dead wood" across all departments and people who just don't care.

health delivery.put the regions back to what they were before.specifically the northern ones

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Any & all small local businesses in which their products & services benefit Manitobans on a far greater level. do away with duplications altogether!

Keep the film credit. Tax breaks for tech and education related programming.

1. Implement a wage freeze for the civil service excepting professions where the Province has recruitment or retention problems.
2. Target areas of excellence for Manitoba entrepreneurs to develop world-class products and services. Prioritize funding and start-up capital to these areas and review results annually. All funding for innovation to include sunset budgets.

definitely better management of roads and possibly bidding out construction projects within Winnipeg, better access to businesses and respect for people's hard earned vehicles will encourage more traffic, and more consumer spending, many times I decide not to go shopping just because I know the roads are or will be bad or construction is interfering with traffic flow. In Calgary construction is completed in most often 3 week timeframes, and you never see one person working with 8 watching. Productivity, accountability, and pay for actual work will help the budget! Get some passing lanes on hwy's which will also increase traffic flow safety and in turn encourage people to get out and spend. we have to invest in infrastructure to grow

Use the bank of Canada to get no-interest loans on infrastructure projects.

Free nutritionists! (people work when they're healthy)

Solar Power. We are second sunniest.

Allow P3 as well as pure private infrastructure projects, mainly highways. Allowing private high speed toll routes to be built

I don't think the government needs to be providing our insurance or in the business of selling liquor.

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A pilot program should be done on a Universal Basic Income in order to see where we can put forward preventative social spending and not reactive social spending. This social spending will allow more people to take care of their children or enter a career-training program for a higher paying and likely more innovative job. A large investment should be made into the hemp and marijuana industry. We already have a strong agricultural sector and we need to keep it strong through diversity. All funds from the future carbon tax should be put toward Hydro energy rebates and R&D in renewable energies. Manitoba struggles with its internet speeds, especially in rural locations. Faster internet allows for greater productivity in many fields. Consider subsidizing a more connected Manitoba by partnering with an internet service provider to give better internet to rural citizens. A better Manitoba is better together. Move the education levy from property taxes and have it based on income taxes. This will ensure that you are not hurting those in the agricultural industry who need a lot of land but might not be making that much money. Even a hybrid situation where the education levy comes from property taxes of commercial properties when the net worth or year gain is a specific amount (let the economists find a figure). Another hybrid could be that the percentage of the education levy coming from property is reduced and that reduction is met with a percentage of income taxes going to education. Most provinces have some type of hybrid solution or are moving toward one, let Manitoba catch up with the rest of Canada on this. Education requires more stable funding and the funding needs to be dealt with provincially so that we eliminate the possibility of having municipalities that do not value education setting their children back because they do not want to pay taxes.

I think Manitoba should encourage more quality small businesses with tax cuts, loans and grants. People prefer spending money locally than giving it to big corporations.

The province appears to have a multitude of separate divisions and agencies with no clear strategy. particularly around economic growth. Post - secondary institutions need to be challenged to take up the innovation agenda.

Fund Community Futures, use the CF program as Manitoba's grass roots program carrier!

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Continue to pursue renewable energy innovation and develop manufacturing and distribution for potential products. For road construction, invest in research and development for a longer lasting road materials: different types of concrete bonding. With all the technological advancements, it seems impossible that a material cannot be developed to better withstand MB seasons and temperature swings. Huge amounts of money are wasted redoing the same roads and potholes because they keep falling apart under the weather conditions.

We need to change the public sector pension and benefit plans for new hires- they are not sustainable. Witness Canada Post, and City of Winnipeg Police. Both have pensions that are underfunded and we taxpayers are the only ones to pay. This has to stop! We don't know the Manitoba public sector pension #s because? They are not available or made public.

Early Childhood Development supports are well documented to generate valuable return on investment in the development of long-term prosperity and are supported by Manitobans.

Indigenous well-being and disparities in current status are critical to the overall prosperity of Manitoba. There is currently growing awareness nationally of Indigenous issues which provides good opportunity for us in Manitoba to close this gap at the same time we are working to improve the long-term prosperity of all Manitobans.

- Increase the understanding of the historical and ongoing impact of colonization and racism, fostering more respectful relationships with First Nations and Metis, and acknowledgement of the positive contribution of Indigenous values to Manitobans
- Increased FN and Metis input into government are necessary to move towards equity, including new models of integrated healthcare across jurisdictions.
- Strive for health care closer to home, with attention to medical travel system/telehealth utilization/multidisciplinary care teams in home communities

I strongly believe if the Civil Service were encouraged to take additional voluntary reduced work (VRW) days, many of them would choose to do so, reducing wages, and adding more of a work life balance to those who do choose that. The current VRW program allows requests up to 20 days, but often they are not encouraged, or a minimum number is approved. I also strongly believe that additional VRW days reduce sick days, because an employee with a better work life balance will be healthier, in mind and body. I also believe that productivity would increase as a result of healthier (and happier) employees.

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Better healthcare access. Create a travelling hospital in a motor house/trailer than can go town to town. Many people have to travel to Winnipeg for services , taking days away from their family , creating stress being in a big city they are unfamiliar with, and some use it to come party and are exposed to socio-economical problems that often lead to high risk situations.never mind the expense of the travel and accommodations to the province that would be eliminated with a 'being to them ' service .

Greenhouses should be built in places with high food costs, and courses for learning trades to use in their own communities should be provided such as basic home repairs , sewing,and plumbing and carpentry. Maybe pair up Hutterite colonies with reservations to teach them how to be more self sufficient instead of blaming everyone else when they don't maintain their own household

Restrict the right of public sector unions to strike.  
2- Eliminate PST office. Introduce HST.

Reduce wastage and cost, streamline processes definitely in administration.  
Reduce interest payment on the current debt by reducing the debt

Training more midwives and employing more midwives not just in Wpg and Brandon but more rural towns as well and smaller cities (Dauphin, for example). A course of care with a midwife for a low risk pregnancy is much more cost effective than with a doctor.

Reduce number of children in government care by supporting families in getting the help they need to be better parents foster care isn't what is best for kids they belong with their families

We are the only province in Canada that does not charge for any Home Care services. We could look at this using an income based assessment. Currently the Private Personal Care Home owners are not permitted to participate in the RFP process for new PCH beds. Allowing this participating would alleviate some of the tax payer burden and give MB the opportunities to grow the PCH bed base.

Reducing poverty in the province (consistently rated the worst in Canada for general poverty and for child poverty) would, in the long run, save tax payers money (reduced healthcare costs, etc.) and boost small business (more \$\$ to buy necessities).

Tolls on the perimeter highway for commercial and private vehicles



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Develop a way for roads to be fixed, so they last longer. Don't over think it. Just higher a huge amount of skilled road workers and get it done!!  
Don't 'study' or 'review'. Just HIGHER AND GET THE WORK DONE. No committee is required. We ALL KNOW roads need fixing. Don't waste money on studies.

Privatize Government corporations where possible vs. consolidation and merging to create private industry jobs.

hemp / marijuana: BILLIONS.

Take a long hard look at the health care system we have and how it costs, costs, costs, costs because of lack of control in a many tiered management system.

People are flown to Winnipeg to see a doctor for the dumbest reason. Why not enforce a use of tele-health for all follow-up

Take a look at the landfills and how much of that comes from hospitals.

Everything that is used in a hospital is disposable including what they clean the floors. Take a look at the cost for all the disposables and is it all necessary or are the salesman just smarter than hospital management

Lots of waste and administrative excess in healthcare. Renovation of ER in Flin Flon hospital could have been scaled back to save taxpayers. Wages are excessive.

Looking at public services strictly through the lens of "costs" is wrong. Consider your "costs" as "investments" and you'll see your responsibility as government in a different light. Where to invest?

Invest in education, health care, and social services: ensure decent wages for the workers in those sectors as well as providing them with the tools they need to do their jobs.

Also invest in stronger anti-poverty initiatives to help lift families out of poverty - Manitoba still shamefully holds the highest child poverty record in Canada.

Utilize all our resources. rather than loose a Port make it so we use it more and grow the Northern economy! watch out and police corporations that use TFW's ,start with tax breaks for the "little guy" and quit with the tax breaks for big business. Tax the Churches!

Fix healthcare in a publicly positive way. Build more supportive, behavioral units, this helps to get bed holders into the right care, less wait times in the ER

Increased affordablw child care spots would help put women back in the workforce.

More focus on energy efficiency and green technologies.

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The budget was set to put more strain on the departments and lower people in those departments. Asking for a 10% decrease in spending when combined with inflation causes those services to suffer, especially after cuts for several years.

Increase disability pensions with federal pension increases

Less money on bus infrastructure.

I believe there should be a review of copayment and deposits. Historically you paid a deposit for crutches, now, I don't think you do, or you walk out with a walking boot. what are the cost savings from not casting and what are the costs of the boots

all of the remaining questions seem to be very capitalistic in nature. A good economy is one thing but doesn't always translate to bettering the services for the average manitoban. Please be mindful of this.

Nor money should be spent on libraries. Great return for investment. Low income families access free or low cost programs helping to increase literacy. Small businesses use library services such as copying, faxing etc to help grow their businesses. A literate society is a productive one.

Again, you can effectively save lots of money by not giving wage increases to non collective bargaining staff. Those are high paid earners who are not covered under a contract. It has been done in Alberta by the NDP there. Also, the legislature staff review of pay and benefits is or has been going on. Lead By examining le, not by an iron fist and disappoint a member of a union who has a legal Binding contract for wages and job protection.

have employees write their own job-description with suggestions (will provide samples, if desired)

Several provinces have now moved toward pricing carbon in some shape or form....

Pricing carbon would likely help local companies in the transit, transportation and integrated mobility spheres of activity grow and compete globally in the future – specifically with regards to low emissions heavy-duty vehicles and light-weight materials systems...In Manitoba, if there were consideration of carbon pricing in the future...recommend that the funds generated from such carbon pricing be reallocated and reinvested into job-generating innovation and technology development with provincial industry and academic partners for economic gain, rather than allocating new revenues to general budgetary expenditures or debt financing.

Vocational Training and return to work opportunities for individuals who are seeking assistance with returning to work.

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Money could be saved by enforcing non-smoking policies ( which are often part of leases ) in Manitoba Housing as well as private sector lease agreements. Presently, non-smoking policies are not enforced by Residential Tenancies Branch because there is nothing explicit to this effect in the legislation, regulations or policy manual. With necessary changes to the legislation involving Residential Tenancies statutes, Manitoba Housing statutes and Manitoba Human Rights Commission statutes, these policies could be enforceable both in subsidized housing as well as the private sector. Smoking tenants could then be motivated (evicted) , so that entirely smoke free buildings could be achieved. Money savings would be achieved in a number of ways: reduced redecorating and renovation costs, fewer fires (smoking is the number 1 preventable cause of fires ), less general smoke damage, lower fire insurance rates, fewer medical costs by tenants suffering from COPD, bronchitis , asthma and other lung diseases. This should be cost neutral the first year and savings could accrue as the policy is enforced by the RTB. No charter challenge would realistically occur since there is no absolute right to smoke in the charter. Smokers could live in a 100 % smoking building. And overall costs would be reduced.

Over the short, medium and long term we need to invest in children. We need to manage expenditure growth by ensuring a sustainable reduced demand on social programs and safety nets and the only way to do that is to first invest in people, particularly children. Temporarily cutting services and supports may appear fiscally prudent in the immediate term, but is very costly in the medium and short term. You need immediate and significant investments to turn down the causes of illness, crime, chronic unemployment etc. For example, if all Winnipeggers had the same rate of hospitalizations for ambulatory care sensitive conditions as the highest income quintile (that quintile most politicians belong to) it would cut the number of hospitalizations for ambulatory care sensitive conditions in half. That is what I call sustainable management of expenditure growth. Trying to re-engineer the flow of health care services to address an ever increasing flow of preventable illness is not.